



# House of Representatives

## File No. 625

General Assembly

February Session, 2004

**(Reprint of File No. 453)**

Substitute House Bill No. 5635  
As Amended by House  
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 16, 2004

### **AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) On or before January 1,  
2      2005, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Public Health shall  
3      obtain from the American Association of Medical Assistants, a listing  
4      of all state residents maintained on said organization's registry of  
5      certified medical assistants. The commissioner shall make such listing  
6      available for public inspection.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

It is anticipated that the Department of Public Health can obtain and make available for public inspection a listing of certified medical assistants in Connecticut without requiring additional resources.

House "A" removes Section 2 of the bill, which would have expanded the scope of practice of a trained respiratory care practitioner to include tuberculosis testing. No fiscal impact had been associated with Section 2.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

sHB 5635 (as amended by House "A")\*

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AND TESTING BY RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), annually beginning January 1, 2005, to obtain from the American Association of Medical Assistants a list of all state residents on the organization's registry of certified medical assistants. DPH must make the list available to the public.

Medical assistants are allied health professionals specifically trained to work in ambulatory settings (e.g. physician's offices, clinics, and group practices). They perform administrative and clinical procedures.

\*House Amendment "A" eliminates a provision in the original bill (File 453) that would have allowed respiratory care practitioners to perform a certain tuberculin skin test.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13      Nay 9